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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, SYSTEMS SECURITY STEERING GROUP

SUBJECT: Second Annual Assessment of the Status of Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security in the United States Federal Government, July 1985 - July 1986

Attached is the second annual assessment of the National Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee (NTISSC). Although significant progress has been made toward fulfilling the recommendations enumerated in the first annual assessment, the second annual report confirms that government classified and sensitive information remains extremely vulnerable through the exploitation of our telecommunications and automated information systems. This assessment identifies fourteen deficiencies, including corrective actions, in communications and automated information systems research and development, availability of technology and equipment, funding, and security guidance.

For the first time, the NTISSC has provided associated cost estimates, where available, for the recommendations. Some of the cost estimates are more precise than others. Collectively, these cost estimates can be considered representative of a funding profile. The purpose of providing this information is to highlight for the Systems Security Steering Group the estimated costs to implement these initiatives over a five-year period, as resources permit.

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of NSDD 145, of establishing and maintaining effective communications and automated information systems security in the Federal Government, continued cooperation of both the civil and defense organizations is imperative.

Chairman

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